

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 through 10 and 12 through 16 have been cancelled. Claims 3 and 11 have been amended. Claims 3 through 11 remain active in this Application.

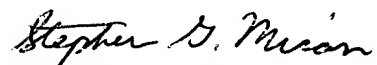
Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled Claims 1 and 2 from which it formerly depended. Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled Claims 9 and 10 from which it formerly depended.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 16 under 35 USC § 103(a) for alleged obviousness over Schweder et al. in view of Cohen. The Examiner has rejected Claims 7 and 15 under 35 USC § 103(a) for alleged obviousness over Schweder et al. in view of Cohen and further in view of Cooper. The Examiner has objected to Claims 3 and 11 for depending from rejected base claims, but has indicated that they are allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the rejected base claim and intervening claims from which they depend. The Applicant acknowledges this conditional allowance.

Since Claims 1, 2, 4 through 10 and 12 through 16 have been cancelled, the Applicant respectfully request that the rejection of these claims be reconsidered and withdrawn. Claim 3 has been amended to stand in independent form and to incorporate the limitations of cancelled Claims 1 and 2 from which it formerly depended. Claim 11 as been amended to stand in independent form and to incorporate the limitations of cancelled Claims 9 and 10 from which it formerly depended. Since the Examiner has indicated that Claims 3 and 11 are allowable as so amended, the Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to these claims be reconsidered and withdrawn, and these claims be found in condition for allowance.

In view of the amendments to the claims set forth above, the Applicant respectfully request that the outstanding rejections to Claims 1, 2, 4 through 10 and 12 through 16 and the objection to Claims 3 and 11 be reconsidered and withdrawn, that Claims 3 and 11 be found in condition for allowance, and that this Application be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen G. Mican".

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